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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Advances in communication and transportation  
2 technology over the past half-century have made today's world  
3 increasingly interconnected; as a result, successful businesses,  
4 universities, and governments depend on a global perspective; and

5           WHEREAS, This new era of global exchange has created a  
6 marketplace of ideas in which citizens of the world from distinct  
7 social, cultural, religious, and linguistic backgrounds cooperate  
8 and compete on a daily basis; with foreign trade projected to be a  
9 key sector of Texas' economy, the Lone Star State's future is  
10 inextricably tied to that of the entire world; and

11           WHEREAS, Evidence of the growing connection between Texas and  
12 the rest of the world can be found in the Institute of International  
13 Education's *Open Doors Report 2003*; Texas ranks third in the United  
14 States in the total number of foreign students studying in the state  
15 for the 2002-2003 academic year, and these foreign students and  
16 their families contributed over \$794 million to the Texas economy  
17 in 2002-2003; in addition, 7,202 students studying abroad were  
18 enrolled through Texas institutions in 2002; and

19           WHEREAS, International education is critical to promoting a  
20 broadened worldview and thereby preparing Texans for life and work  
21 in the global economy; moreover, creating a diverse academic  
22 environment by exchanging scholars and students between countries  
23 builds the foundation for future international business success;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, The United States' national security and economic  
2 competitiveness depend significantly on the country's ability to  
3 provide future leaders with the best education possible; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
6 Legislature, 4th Called Session, finds that international  
7 education is an essential component of the bright future of the  
8 great State of Texas; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Texas House of Representatives supports  
10 and encourages international education to ensure that students and  
11 future leaders are prepared to meet the challenges of a global  
12 society.